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1. ALL ROK NEWSPAPERS 11/2 AND 11/3 CARRIED MINOR FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES ON THE WASHINGTON STORY OF THE RELEASE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPORT ON US-ROK RELATIONS ("FRASER REPORT"). THE POINTS MENTIONED INCLUDED: (A) PAK TONG-SUN'S ATTEMPT TO SELL KOREAN-ASSEMBLED U.S. WEAPONRY TO THIRD COUNTRIES; (B) THE ALLEGED PLAN OF THE ROKG TO DEVELOP ITS OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONRY; (C) THE UNEASE IN THE ROK RESULTING FROM THE U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS OF THE EARLY 1970'S AS THE MAJOR FORCE IN PRODUCING THE ATTEMPT TO BUY INFLUENCE; AND (D) FORMER KCIA DIRECTOR KIM HYONG-UK HAS 20 MILLION DOLLARS DEPOSITED OVERSEAS.

2. SEPARATE ARTICLES REPORTED THAT MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION KIM SONG-CHIN AND AN ROK EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IN WASHINGTON DISMISSED THE REPORT AS "TWISTED, GROUNDLESS, AND UNTRUE" AND "REITERATING GROUNDLESS CHARGES WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DENIED BY THE ROKG". MINISTER KIM WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: "THE REPORT IS UNTRUE, ESPECIALLY AS IT ALLEGES THAT
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THE ROKG ORDERED THE WASHINGTON LOBBYING, THAT HIGH-RANKING

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ROKG OFFICIALS WERE INVOLVED IN IT, THAT THE ROKG WAS INVOLVED IN THE KIM DAE-CHONG KIDNAPPING, AND THAT THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ROKG AND THE UNIFICATION CHURCH".

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT, EXCEPT FOR A TONGABO EDITORIAL 11/3 CR REPORTED 20 MILLION DOLLAR FORTUNE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF CAPITAL FLIGHT WHICH THE ROKG MUST PREVENT.
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